

Gambling



Reading

Gambling has always had its dark side. It was not so long ago that most countries were content to leave the business to a few cities like Las Vegas, Macao, and Monte Carlo. In respectable nations, gambling was considered inherently immoral. It corrupted public officials, attracted racketeers and organized crime. It addicted and indebted the most vulnerable and gullible of the citizens. And so it was outlawed or kept under tight state control. But look around now. Cash-strapped governments are turning greedily to lotteries to raise an extra buck – or hundred million. They are rushing to approve new casinos so they can tax a golden stream of revenue that totals more than \$16 billion a year in the United States alone.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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